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2. EMBASSY WAS REQUESTED BY GAULLIST DEPUTY GENERAL DE SENDUVILLE A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE FRENCH RESISTANCE. TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE DCI CONCERNING WHAT DE BENOUVILLE CLAIMS WILL BE THE STRATEGY OF BARBIE'S LAWYERS FOB THE TRIAL. BENOUVILLE IS CONVINCED THIS STRATEGY WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

.3. TEXT OF LETTER (EMBASSY TRANSLATION) DUDTE

DEAR FRIEND,

A MAJOR DEBATE IS ABOUT TO OPEN CONCERNING THE UPCOMING BARBIE FRIAL. THIS DEBATE IS EXTREMELY PREJUDICIAL TO

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THE MEMORY OF THE RESISTANCE AND TO THE HONOR OF THE SECRET SERVICES OF YOUR COUNTRY.

BARBIE'S LAWYER WILL MAKE PUBLIC IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS A LETTER FROM BARBIE STATING BARBIE WAS IN THE EMPLOY OF THE OSS AS EARLY AS 1943. THIS STATEMENT IS DAMAGING NOT ONLY FOR YOUR COUNTRY BUT ALSO AND PARTICULARLY TO THE MEMORY OF OUR FRIENDS GENERAL DONOVAN, ALLEN DULLES (WHO WAS, IN BERN, YOUR REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE) AND FOR MANY OTHER AMERICAN FRIENDS. WHO WORKED WITH US WITH SO MUCH PASSION, LIKE MAX SCHOOP WHO, OF COURSE, COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE CHIEF TORTURERS OF THE ENEMY WHOM WE WERE FIGHTING TOGETHER. AS IT IS UNFORTUNATELY TRUE THAT AFTER THE LIBERATION AMERICAN SERVICES DID USE THIS SINISTER BUTCHER, I REQUEST YOU SEND ME URGENTLY DOCU-MENTATION WHICH WILL SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT: TO WIT.
THAT DURING HOSTILITIES, YOUR SERVICES NEVER WERE IN
CONTACT WITH BARBIE AND THE GESTAPO, WHICH CONTACT WOULD HAVE CONSTITUTED IN ITSELF BETRAYAL OF US. SOMETHING OF WHICH I KNOW AMERICANS TOTALLY INCAPABLE.

BARBIE'S LAWYERS HAVE THE FOLLOWING PLAN FOR HIS DEFENSE: THEY WANT TO SHOW THAT BARBIE CONCLUDED AT THE TIME OF THE ARREST OF RENE HARDY AN AGREEMENT WITH YOUR SERVICES AND WITH THE HEADS OF THE NON-COMMUNIST RESISTANCE AIMED AT LIQUIDATING COMMUNIST RESISTANTS. AS A RESULT OF THIS ALLEGED AGREEMENT BARBIE WAS SUPPOSEDLY LED TO JEAN MOULIN, A MAN OF THE LEFT.

AS PROOF OF THIS ASSERTION, BARBIE WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT BEGINNING IN 1943, THE DATE OF THE ALLEGED AGREEMENT, NOT DNE MEMBER OF THE MUR WAS ARRESTED. OF COURSE, THIS IS AN ABOMINABLE CALUMNY. WE CAN PROVIDE A VERY LONG LIST OF MUR MEMBERS WHO, AFTER 1943 AND IN EVERY INCHASING NUMBERS, WERE ARRESTED, TORTURED, DEPORTED AND EXECUTED.

MAY I ADD AS WELL THAT AS THE HEAD OF A DELEGATION REPRESENTING ALL THE MOVEMENTS OF THE RESISTANCE I MET MAX SCHOOP AND ALLEN DULLES CLANDESTINELY IN SWITZERLAND IN OCTOBER 1943 IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE NORMANDY LANDINGS.

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AT THIS MEETING, WE PREPARED A CHART FOR ALL OF FRANCE LISTING THE STRENGTH OF OUR ARMED AND NON-ARMED MEN WHICH I SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED AND REPUBLISHED IN SUCCESSIVE EDITIONS OF "SACRIFICE DU MATINM". BESIDES GÊNERALI DEJUSSIEU, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE SECRET ARMY FOUNDED BY HENRI FRENAY, COMMUNIST COMRADESOR COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS WERE MEMBERS OF THIS DELEGATION WITH ME:

- -- MY FRIEND, COLONEL MARCEL DEGLIAME-FOUCHE, STILL LIVING, WHO WAS THEN IN CHARGE OF WORKERS' ACTION AND WHO WAS A COMMUNIST;
- -- JACQUES MONOD (WHO WON THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDECINE AFTER THE WAR) AND WHO WAS AT THAT TIME ON MY STAFF AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FTP, THE MILITARY ORGANI-ZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

HOW CAN ONE NOT NOTE THAT IF THE ALLEGED AGREEMENT INVEN-TED BY THE TORTURER OF MOULEN AMONG BARBIE, THE AMERICANS AND CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE RESISTANCE ACTUALLY EXISTED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN IDEAL OCCASION TO DEAL A BLOODY BLOW NOT ONLY TO VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SYMPATHIZERS BUT ALSO TO THE RESISTANCE ITSELF? I SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT AMONG THESE MEN OF THE LEFT WAS

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ALSO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORA (ORGANIZATION OF THE RESISTANCE ARMY) OFFICIALLY NAMED TO MY STAFF BY GENERAL REVERS. PHILIPPE MONOD, NAMED AMBASSADOR AFTER THE WAR, WAS WITH GENERAL DAVET AS CHIEF OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE RESISTANCE WHICH HAD BEEN SET UP IN SWITZER-LAND BY MONOD AND MYSELF. PHILIPPE MONOD, AN INTERNATIONAL LAWYER BEFORE THE WAR, HAD BEEN THE FRIEND AND COLLABORATOR OF ALLEN AND JOHN FOSTER DULLES.

I RECALL THAT ALLEN DULLES WROTE THE PREFACE TO THE

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UNITED STATES EDITION OF MY BOOK ON THE RESISTANCE.

PUBLISHED BY SIMON AND SCHUSTER. WE WERE INTIMATE

FRIENDS UNTIL HIS DEATH AND I PRONDUNCED HIS FUNERAL

EULOGY AT THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL OF PARIS. HOW WAS ALL

THIS POSSIBLE IF WE WERE NOT BOUND TOGETHER BY A CRYSTAL

CLEAR FRIENDSHIP?

VERY CORDIALLY YOURS. -GENERAL DE BENOUVILLE

END TEXT. END GUDTE.

4. FRENCH TEXT BEING POJCHED EUR/WE. GALBRAITH

END OF MESSAGE

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